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Letter dated 5 February 1996 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text of a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic regarding the deterioration of the situation in Tajikistan (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the agenda item entitled "Maintenance of international security".

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Annex

Statement issued on 2 February 1996 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan

As a result of renewed hostilities in recent days, there has been a serious deterioration in the situation in Tajikistan.

In this regard, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic expresses its profound concern at the complication of the situation in a neighbouring State, which could lead to a further escalation of the armed confrontation.

Kyrgyzstan has invariably advocated and continues to advocate the achievement of national harmony in Tajikistan. In view of the need to ensure lasting peace and stability both in Tajikistan and in the Central Asian region as a whole, our Republic is participating directly in the Collective Peace-keeping Forces of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States in Tajikistan.

An indispensable condition for the continuation of political dialogue is the steadfast observance by the conflicting sides of previous cease-fire agreements.

The Kyrgyz Republic is convinced that the only way to establish peace in Tajikistan is to promote negotiations between the parties, which should jointly seek compromise solutions in the interest of national reconciliation.